



# Ye Old Tye News

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## Slogans of Dover

- **"Dover - Changing All Over"** (by Laurie Pielak 1982)
- **"Dover is Forging Ahead"** (by Lorna McBeth 1982)

## GHOST INVESTIGATION

Our First Museum House "Ghost" Investigation will be held on **FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008 from 11 PM to 2 AM.** Anyone wishing to spend a few hours attempting to experience the strange happenings at the Dr. Condict House should call for reservations at 973-361-3525. A \$10 donation is required and space is limited to 20 individuals.

- Arrive well rested, no sleeping.
- Refreshments served.

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## Annual Flea Market Stays In Dover 2008 Marks the 13th Year of the Dover Street Fair

DOVER-The major question during the winter and early spring months of 2008 was "would the flea market return to Dover?" With the need to move the physical location of the flea market from the Blackwell Street district to the Crescent Field parking lot, town residents wondered if that was a doable option for market owner Bob Brumale. Blocking off the downtown streets became a major concern due to the increase traffic congestions and the anticipated reconstructions of the Prospect St. and Route 46 bridges. With just weeks to go to the May opening date, the Mine Hill Fire Co. offered to host the annual event at the Firemen's Field. Dover's Mayor James Dodd apparently made one last ditch effort to keep the market in Dover and was successful. The flea market will now be held in the Crescent Field parking lot. As in the past, the flea market will pay the town rent, cover the cost of security and cleanup.

### ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

The annual town wide yard sale and Root Beer Social sponsored by the Dover Area Historical Society will be held for the 6th consecutive year on **July 13th**. Anyone wishing to sell their used garage sale items at the flea market are invited to set up tables and sell used belongings for a modest donation to the historical society of \$20. Those returning from previous years, the donation fee is \$15. Only used items can be sold, nothing new. **Call 973-361-3525** for reservations and more information. Last year's event was so successful that



everyone who participated indicated they wanted to return again.

*Pictured above is a photograph of the Dover historical society's 2005 town wide yard sale. Every year thousands of visitors and shoppers descend on Dover to take advantage of the bargains and unique items to be found at the flea market.*

*More and more visitors are discovering the train route to Dover and the short walking*

## Baker Theater Makes Movie History - Again

DOVER-Not since 1927 when director George Cukor, who directed such movies as "The Philadelphia Story" and "Little Women" has a professional Hollywood movie been filmed at the Baker Theater. The week of March 10, 2008 was not only an eventful one for the 102-year old venue, but also a very historic one.

According to historical society documents, the first movie filmed at the Baker was called "A Dover Romance" starring Rose Zatagotsky and Layton Northrap and was shown at the theater on May 1, 1927.

Director Cukor also directed a series of Spencer Tracy & Katherine Hepburn movies and in 1964 won the Academy Award for the musical

"My Fair Lady." The 2008 filming at the Baker starring tough guy Mickey Rourke and Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei (My Cousin Vinnie) was directed by Darren Aronofsky, who also directed the critically acclaimed "Requiem for a Dream" in 2000 and also

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## 2008 Paid Membership

### LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

Ira & Cynthia Ayers, Randolph  
 Dr. A.L. & Jean Baker, Hopatcong  
 Carolyn Bishop, Dover  
 Benson Thomson Agency, Dover  
 Joan & Alan Bocchino, Dover  
 James Brooks, Ocean City  
 Curtis & Lois Brown, Lancaster, PA  
 Harriet Buono, Dover  
 Warren & Shirley Burgess, Randolph  
 Eva Casey, Dover  
 George Coulthard, Dover  
 Norman & Mary Lou Dailey, Dover  
 Florence D'Agostino, Dover  
 James & JoAnn Dodd, Dover  
 Patrick Fahy, Dover  
 Jay & Patti Ferriero, Mt Arlington  
 Evelyn Gilbert, Jensen Beach, FL  
 David & Karen Glaser, Dover

Victor & Ellen Guadagno, Sparta  
 Stuart & Betty Inglis, Dover  
 Carl Iosso, Dover  
 Jim & Verna Johnson, Pompton Plains  
 Patricia Kalena, Dover  
 Martin & Laura Kane, Mt. Lakes  
 Wm. & Nancy Kattermann, Dover  
 Richard Kelly, Dover  
 Karen Kovalesky, Hackettstown  
 Jacqueline Loeffler, Dover  
 Melvyn & Barb. Loory, Boonton  
 Henry & Charlotte Luer, Denville  
 Betty & Ralph MacNaughten, Mine Hill  
 Marilyn Martin, Cottage Grove, MN  
 Dr. Hugh Miller, Dover, DE  
 Otto Miller, Mine Hill  
 Rich & Barbara Newman,

DoverDave & Lisa Pennella, Dover  
 Michael & Catharine Picciallo, Dover  
 Frank Poolas, Dover  
 Wm. Richardson, Mt Arlington  
 Cindy & Rich Romaine, Dover  
 Stan & Marj Schoonmaker, Dover  
 Bill & Ulla Shuler, Dover  
 Paul Shuler, Dover  
 Smith, Taylor, Ruggiero Funeral Home, Dover  
 JoAnn, Bob & Mike Steinberg, Dover  
 Dr. Anthony Troha, Mine Hill  
 Tuttle Funeral Home, Randolph  
 Bob & Alice Wagner, Wharton  
 Kay Walker, Dover  
 Bill & Brenda Woodhull, Dover  
 JoAnne Zarger, Mine Hill  
 In Memory of Arch Nicholas

*Have you paid your 2008 dues?  
 Call 973-366-0629 for more info.*

## 2008 Membership

### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Donald & Jean Alperti, Oak Creek, CO  
 Marjorie Harring Bell, Los Angeles, CA  
 Brownwood Realty Co., Dover  
 Eve Casey, Dover  
 College Club of Dover  
 John D'Agostino, Landing  
 Dover Chamber of Commerce  
 Dover Renaissance, Inc.

Dover Rotary Club  
 Frank & Grace Hamilton, Old Lyme, CT.  
 Betty & Woody Hedden, Randolph  
 John & Maria Hynes, Easton, NH  
 Joyce Lake, Dover  
 Scott & Judy Miller, Dover  
 John & Shirley Morrison, Brooksville, FL  
 Bill & Susan Shauer, Dover  
 Rev. Jim & Loretta Slattery, Dover  
 Rockaway Lodge #86 Rebekahs  
 Lee Williams, Lake Hopatcong

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Penny & Joshua Bennett, Dover

Walter Buczek, Totowa  
 Juan & Kathleen Casiano, Dover  
 George & Mary Castellitto, Randolph  
 John & Mary Chirip, Randolph  
 Robert Ciardi & Joan Drexler, Irwin, PA  
 Richard & Cathey Cole, Dover  
 John Cunningham, Florham Park  
 Frank, Dolores, Frankie & Michael Diaz, Mine Hill  
 Kathleen & George Doboney, Wharton  
 Ray & Phyllis Fisher, Dover  
 Robert & Mary Flanagan, Dover  
 Dr. Ed & Ellen Forbes, Randolph  
 Bill & Bonnie Gregory, Morristown  
 Dorothy & Harold Hertel, Safety Harbor, FL  
 Francis & Marie Hoffman, Dover  
 Bogart & Helen Holly, Dover

## 2008 Membership

### FAMILY (Cont.)

Dan & Judy Klement, Remer, MN  
 Ralph & Margaret Kubisky, Dover  
 George & Lynn Laurie, Dover  
 Wilfred & Linda Mabey, Oak Ridge  
 Larry & Catherine Magliocchetti, Dover  
 Joseph Mann, Middletown, NY  
 Bert & Linda McDonald, Dover  
 Jim & Linda Mullin, Dover  
 Joseph & Sharon Nazzaro, Randolph  
 George & Shirley O'Brien, Dover

Irene & Michale Palanchi, Dover  
 Vishal Parmar, Dover  
 Helen & Carmen Pennella, Dover  
 Ada Rosen & Hudson Favel, Dover  
 Robert Schwarz, Budd Lake  
 Bob, Patricia & Samuel Schwarz, Dover  
 Helen & Bob Slack, Dover  
 Thomas Slack, Dover  
 Ann & Leslie Stephens, Lk Hopatcong  
 Ray & Mary Storey, Manchester  
 Edith Trengove, Hackettstown  
 Valley National Bank, Dover  
 Leroy & Edith Varga, Dover

James & Rae Ann Visioli, Dover  
 Pat Visioli, Milford, DE  
 Linda & Stephen Wagoner, Dover  
 Charles Walker, Greensboro, NC  
 Neldon & Alma Williams, Dover  
 Miriam Willinger, Dover  
 Douglas & Marcia Zeek, Dover

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Bob Bahrs, Morris Plains  
 Eileen Beighley, Mine Hill  
 Joseph Bentrovato, Plant City, FL  
 Lucinda Bryant, Succasunna  
 Robert Carpenter, Rockaway  
 Phyllis Casey, Dover (Cont. next page)

## Baker History

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the 2006 fantasy film, "The Fountain."

Over 700 spectators poured into the theater to watch and be part of the shooting for the motion picture called "The Wrestler."

Monday and Tuesday, work crews set the movie set in the main auditorium with an actual ring set up in the center and an entrance ramp for the wrestlers from the second floor backstage area slanting down to the ring. Wednesday and Thursday, the theater was closed to the public for selected shoots, some of which included Marisa Tomei. Friday and Saturday nights the doors were open to the public as spectators will be seen in the background of shots taken from inside the ring. The movie is expected out in early 2009.

Likewise in 1927 scenes from the movie were taken inside the Baker and exterior shots of "important points" around town. The public at that time was permitted to view how a motion picture (photoplay) was made. The movie was

about a poor boy, the girl who loves him, and the wealthy older man she marries.

Director Cukor passed away in 1983 at the age of 83. To this date, the movie "A Dover Romance" has not been located, but old newspaper clippings from that time prove the movie was made and who made it.

The 2008 project at the Baker started back in November 2007, when a wrestling company in Pennsylvania, "The Ring of Honor" was approached about filming the movie in Dover. Scott Franklin, the film's producer said of the Baker, "we loved the architecture. It had a lot of character" referring to the theater's gold-leafed art deco architecture that dated back to the vaudeville days.

As Mickey Rourke stood before the Dover crowd thanking them for the cheers and applause, unfortunately, Marisa Tomei never made a public appearance. This event was just another chapter in the Baker Theater's long and wonderful history.



Top photo by Rick Kelly shows the set for the movie. Bottom photo by the Daily Record shows, lights, camera, action.



Over 700 spectators showed up each night along with all the paid "extras" from the Screen Actors Guild to cheer on the wrestlers during the shooting of the movie "The Wrestler." Photo courtesy of Daily Record.

**INDIVIDUAL** (Cont.)  
 Christopher Chapman, Dover  
 Patricia Davis, Landing  
 Ellen Enkler, Alden, NY  
 James Fransen, Sussex  
 Barbara Gardner, Dover  
 Kathi Gilbert, Dover  
 Janet Hooper, Dover  
 Kathleen Kalena, Dover  
 John Kuzel, Denville  
 Gary Kazin, Rockaway  
 Marilyn Patterson, Dover  
 David Peer, Rockaway  
 Bernard Schenkler, Alden, NY  
 Michael Srsich, Rockaway  
 Julia Stringer, Dover  
 Henry Will, Ledgewood

Arlene Wright, Murphysboro, IL

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

Elilen Appio, Randolph  
 Charlotte Arndt, Denville  
 May Baker, Dover  
 Jack Bennett, Morris Plains  
 Joe & Carolina Bentreovanto, Dover  
 Joyce Boniface, Mine Hill  
 Walter Breczek, Totowa  
 Flavia Brock, Dover  
 Frances Campbell, Mt Tabor  
 Patricia Carthage, Lake Hopatcong  
 Philip Carthage, Belfast, ME  
 Jean Chervnsik, Dover  
 Jane Cody, Pompton Plains

## 2008 Membership

### SENIOR (Cont.)

Lee Cole, Dover  
 Lowell Cook, Twp. of Washington  
 Ann Cortese, Morris Plains  
 Jeanne Crofton, Scotch Plains  
 Hank Crouse, Andershire, VT  
 Peter Cullen, Clifton  
 Jane Curtin, Dover  
 James D'Auria, Dover  
 Edward Daniels, Dover  
 Dave & Lynn Davis, Lady Lake, FL  
 Catharine DeShazo, Dover

Thomas DeShazo, Frenchtown  
 Douglas Dickerson, Dover  
 Richard & Elfrieda Egan, Dover  
 Emma Eckhart, Dover  
 Martin Epstein, Louisville, KY  
 Robert Fancher, Wharton H.  
 Robert Feinberg, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 Russell Fine, Milford PA  
 Mary & Robert Flanagan, Dover  
 Roger Flartey, Mine Hill  
 Laura Freund, Hackettstown  
 John Gill, Flanders  
 Joanna Ginder, Lakewood Ranch, FL  
 Rolando Gomez, Dover  
 Joyce Gorine, Dover

Sophie Goritski, Blairstown  
 Leonora Harrison, Mt Tabor  
 Diane Hunter, Dover  
 John & Caroline Huntzinger, Milford, DE  
 Mary Jenkins, Dover  
 Harold W. Johnson, San Marcos, CA  
 Catherine Jugan, Dover  
 Paula Kassell, Dover  
 Claire Kelly, Dover  
 Kevin Kelly, Janesville, WI  
 Helen & John Kuzel, Dover  
 Helen Lambert, Wharton

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## 2008 Membership

### SENIOR (Cont.)

Dorothy Leary, Hanover, PA  
 Claire Leifer, Dix Hills, NY  
 Dorothy Lindberg, Jamison, PA  
 Virginia List, Dover  
 Shirley Lohman, Dover  
 Stanley Manning, Dover  
 Athena Mantgas, Dover  
 Ann Mathews, Dover  
 Charlene Sue May, Manassas, VA  
 Helen McCahill, Ocean Grove  
 Dr. Donald McElroy, Dover  
 Marion McKane, Dover  
 Gloria Melneck, Atlanta, GA  
 Byard & Linda Miller, Heber Spring, AR  
 Karl & Ginny Miller, Hayes, VA  
 Kenneth Miller, Mine Hill  
 Roy & Marion Miller, Dover  
 Louise D. Milner, Hamilton, NY  
 Ruth Monahan, Randolph  
 Joan Munson, Dover  
 Dorothy O'Leary, Hanover, PA

Helen Peterson, Dover  
 Ray Porphy, Ridge Spring, SC  
 Diane Power, Rockaway  
 Edna Rawson, Dover  
 Ed Reich, Dover  
 Marie Richards, Dover  
 Diane Saitta, Dover  
 Martha Salvesen, Dover  
 Jean Schneider, Randolph  
 Florence Schuten, Pilton, SC  
 Donald Seath, Wharton  
 Carolyn Seeger, E. Stroudsburg, PA  
 Alice Segarra, Dover  
 Lorraine Shallop, Dover  
 Virginia Shukailo, Dover  
 Betty Shunk, Dover  
 William Slack, Okeechobee, FL  
 Dorothy Smith, Silver Springs, MD  
 Gladys & Paul Sullivan, Dover  
 Alfreda Suter, Dover  
 Dolores Tate, Bell Haven, NC  
 Kenneth Thompson, Denville  
 Marian Thriemer, Murphysboro, IL  
 Mary Toye, Hackettstown  
 E. M. Visioli, Morristown  
 Marsha Vitow, Baltimore, MD  
 Louisa Wall, Dover

Marjorie Weber, Birdsboro, PA  
 Jan Williams, Wharton  
 Florence Winch, Dover  
 Clara Wolford, Dover  
 Barbara Woodhull, Dover

### IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth 'Betty' Mae Davis, 1956  
 graduate of Dover High School  
 Martin Trengrove, Hackettstown



*New second floor sitting room of the museum*

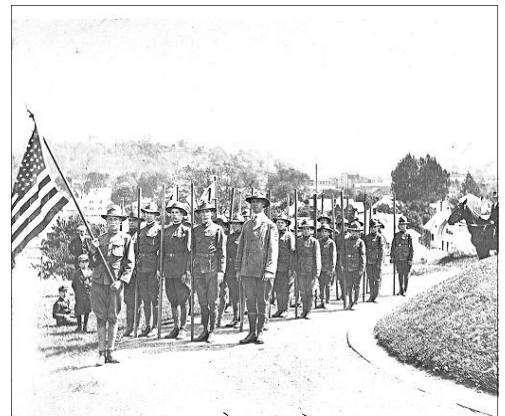
## **Calling all Scouts, Former Leaders, Parents of Scouts....we're looking for some Dover Scout History! By Scott Miller**

DOVER-As many of you may know, Boy Scouts had been missing in Dover for many years. Last year Troop 64 was revived with 6 new scouts...a year later the troop now has 20 scouts. As the new troop travels about they have crossed paths with Dover's scouting past. At campsites or scout reservations, carved reminders in the form of wooden plaques are displayed indicating participation of past Dover troops. The picture depicted to the right is of Dover Scout Troop 1 posing at Locust Hill Cemetery circa 1912. As Troop 64 is so intrigued by Dover's rich scouting history it

only seems natural to depict the history of scouting in Dover at our own museum. Scott Miller, the Scoutmaster for Troop 64, will be coordinating the collection of scouting artifacts such as pictures, old equipment, stories and the history of all the Scout Troops of Dover.

The Boy Scouts of America will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in February 2010. Boy Scouts of America was founded as an outlet to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a participating citizen and leader.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday \* June 17th \* 7:30 pm**  
**1991 Dover Day in Florida (Video)**  
 Dover Museum House

**Friday \* June 27th \* 11 pm - 2am**  
**GHOST Investigation**  
 Dover Museum House  
 For reservations call 973-361-3525  
 \$10 donation - Limited to 20 individuals  
 (The first of more to follow)

**Sunday \* July 13th \* 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Townwide Yard Sale at Flea Market**

**Tuesday \* July 15th \* 7:30 PM**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
 Dover Museum House  
**"Downtown Dover, Now and a Time Ago"**  
 Photos by Stan Schoonmaker

**Tuesday \* August 19th \* 7:30 PM**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
 Dover Museum House  
**"Spring Cleaning Photographs"**

**Tuesday \* Sept. 16th \* 7:30 PM**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**"Dover High in the Decade of the 70s"**  
 Dover Museum House

**Sun Sept. 21st to Sun. Sept. 28th**  
**International Film Festival at Baker**  
 Baker Theater  
 \*Movies from around the world \*  
 \*National Geographics \*  
 \*Amateur & Professional Films\*

**Sat. \* Sept. 27th \* 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm**  
**Dorothy's Tea Party**  
**1:00 pm & 3:00 pm**  
 Dover Museum House  
 \$10 per person

For more info. call 973  
 -361-3279 or 973-361-2073 (These  
 programs are subject to change)

## Dover Area Historical Society's Wish List

*Here are the needs on our wish list along with an update.....*

- Painting and completing second floor hallway. \$150  
\*\*\*\*College Club of Dover donated \$75
- Framing of a large 36x48 historic 1850 map of Morris Co. \$250
- Large rug for second floor sitting room. \$400
- Redo second floor bathroom. \$5000  
\*\*\*\* Dover American Legion Wm. H. Baker Post 27 donated \$1000
- Second floor kitchen flooring. \$300
- New windows (third floor) (10 needed) \$350 each.  
\*\*\*\* Paul & Kathleen McDougall donated \$350 for one window
- Planters & Flowers for exterior \$25 each. (needed by Spring)  
\*\*\*\* Boy Scout Troop 64 donated time to the planters
- A room on the third floor renovated and repaired and dedicated to a loved one.

*If you would like to make a donation of any kind, please contact Stan Schoonmaker at 973-366-2319, Bob Wagner at 973-361-4821 or George Laurie at 973-361-6205*

## SCOUTS (cont. from previous page)

To coincide with this celebration, it is our hope that the Dover Area Historical Society will be able to open a new section of the museum to share the history of the Boys Scouts of America in Dover. In addition to Boy Scouts, we will be collecting Dover Girl Scout history as well...

Please call or email Scott Miller (973) 361-4789 or ([semiller@optonline.net](mailto:semiller@optonline.net)) with your scouting history contribution.

Compliments of  
Eve Casey  
Dover

Compliments of  
Benson Thomson  
Agency, Dover

Compliments of  
College Club  
Dover

Compliments of  
Smith, Taylor, Ruggiero  
Funeral Home, Dover

Compliments of  
Rockaway Lodge  
#86 Rebekahs

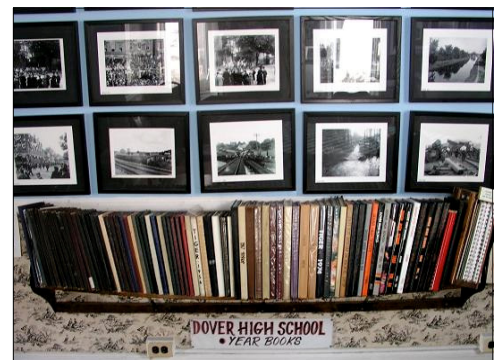
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American Legion  
Dover

## Dover High School Yearbooks

DOVER-One of the main attractions at the Dover History Museum is the collection of Dover High School yearbooks. Visitors who have managed to find the museum open have spent hours going through the old yearbooks reminiscing to the days when they were younger and looking up their former teachers, classmates, events that happened while attending school and even remembering the old advertisements in the back of the yearbook of businesses that were around at the time.

According to the keeper of the yearbooks, Stan Schoonmaker, Dover's first yearbook was published in 1917. The second yearbook was published eight years later in 1925. Since that time a yearbook had been published each year to the present day. A complete collection of Dover High School yearbooks would be 82 books. DAHS is missing 29 of them. Can you help? The following yearbooks are missing: 1933, 1935, 1937, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1976, 1981, 1983, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995,

1997, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008. If you have any one of these books and would like to donate it, please contact Stan at 973-366-2319.



## Dover's Newest Restaurant Now Open For Business

DOVER-Attilio's Tavern at 80 E. McFarlan Street is now open for business to everyone's delight. Gino and Lisa Pesci have brought something very special to Dover besides their wonderful personalities and great food. They brought with them a real sense of history. Early on, the Pescis reached out to the Dover Area Historical Society and through the efforts of Stan Schoonmaker, were able to obtain numerous photos of the Dover area, practically making the restaurant, **The Dover Museum House II**. Karen Lardieri wrote the following review about Dover's newest restaurant on the Internet: *"This is the same owners of the Attilios that was on Diamond Springs Rd. in Denville. The food is EXCELLENT, the service is wonderful and the family atmosphere is delightful."* Let's wish the Pescis the best of luck in Dover or better yet, let's plan our next lunch or dinner at Attilio's and enjoy a brief walk back in time. For those local history buffs, the new Attilio's is located next to the Morris Canal.



*Attilio's on McFarlan St. (Rt. 46) is now open.*



# "Growing up in Dover" By Brenda Woodhull

*The following is a new column by Brenda Woodhull tracing real life experiences of growing up in Dover. Testimonies from Doverites, both past and present of what role Dover played in their lives. The first installment belongs to the late Bob Kelly.*

DOVER-The year 1925 found me living on North Sussex Street above the N. J. Central RR station house. My father was a railroad employee working as an agent at the various stations along the line, namely Rockaway, Dover, and Wharton. The place I called home was a mansion house building (circa. 1850) adjacent to Town Hall which still stands today and is known as the "Beneficial Finance Building." Living on Sussex Street at an early age exposed me to a wide cross section of Dover since the downtown was my front yard, backyard, and playground.

I lived on the second floor of this building and as a young boy would rarely ever use the stairs to go down when I had a banister, which proved to be much

quicker in my haste. Especially when I would hear the fire bell ring, I needed to hurry. This interest ultimately led to my involvement in the fire department and would one day become its fire chief. As a matter of fact, the sound of the fire bell would gather all the kids in the area and we would often chase the fire trucks to the location of the fire. The fire bell at the time consisted of a giant electric bell atop the roof of the firehouse signaling the location of the fire call, accompanied by a high pitched siren known as the "squealer" that could be heard as far away as Rockaway and Wharton depending on the wind



**Bob Kelly's playground - The photo shows N. Sussex in front of the old Fire Station, Bob Kelly's front yard. The building next to the fire house was Mr. Kelly's home, (the Central RR Train Station) living on the top floor. Dover was an exciting, fast-moving town.**

## Bob Kelly's World



**The Laughing Lion building as it looked when Bob Kelly was young. Few people today ever realized it was once an A&P supermarket.**

Up until April 1932 three passenger trains a day came across the N. Sussex St. crossing carrying passengers back and forth between High Bridge and Dover. A freight train also came through once a day carrying merchandise and coal for the industries along the line. A gatehouse existed across from Town Hall in order to operate the crossing for pedestrian traffic. The school children at the old North Side School on McFarlan Street were told over and over again to "never go under the gates." Rushing out of the front door of my house and entering the front yard of my residency, I could look up and down Sussex Street and find a world of adventure and just about anything anybody would

ever need. Looking directly across the street on a Saturday night, I could see throngs of people shopping at the A&P, now the Laughing Lion. The owners of these downtown businesses usually lived in the apartments above their places of business.

As a young boy one of the most exciting occurrences living in downtown Dover other than the trains rumbling through was the brightly colored trolley cars of the Morris County Traction Co. The thrill of these cars gliding along Blackwell Street on steel rails, emitting a loud humming noise as they went "clang, clang" down the street with a large antenna-like pole on the roof making

### Kelly (Cont.)

with overhead power lines. The trolleys ran through Dover from Newark to Lake Hopatcong and also from Morristown to Wharton. I remember a powerhouse just over the town line in Mine Hill across from St. Mary's Church, that helped "pull" the trolleys over the hill. Hence, the name "Power House Curve" in Mine Hill. One day I will never forget came on April 30, 1932, without much fanfare. The last passenger train of the N. J. Central (High Bridge Line) passed through the Dover station during the evening. The only

ceremony was my dad standing in our apartment window overlooking the tracks and giving some kind of signal to the conductor with his lit cigar, as it crossed Sussex Street. Changes in transportation, both passenger and freight traffic had begun in Dover in the mid twenties, with the abandonment and subsequent filling in of the famed Morris Canal. The canal was filled in behind the Baker Theater, then known as Canal Street, right on down to N. Sussex Street. The street was renamed Bassett Highway, presumably after Tom Bassett who was Mayor of Dover at the time.

The next filling I recall as a youngster was the Post Office site where it had crossed the Rockaway River and also the canal basin across from the Dover Library. After the filling, it became a site for carnivals and circuses, but was eventually seeded and became known as the Dover Commons.

The filling in of the canal through East Dover allowed for the construction of Highway 6 which later became Route 46. This was the beginning of major changes in town in my lifetime.

## “Help Wanted” - Ushers For The Baker Theater

DOVER-This would have been a “help wanted” ad in the 1930s or 40s. The Warner Brothers Movie Co. took over the management of the Baker Theater toward the end of the 1930s when they added Dover to their chain of movie houses across the country. This was an effort to control the marketing of their movies.

The age requirement for being an usher at the Baker was 16 and the pay was 25 cents an hour. With the right scheduling, an usher could make as much as \$6 a week. Not only was the pay good, but an usher got to see all the latest movies, meet lots of girls and if lucky enough, get a date now and then.

For the Baker Theater, the management group included Sam Roth, General Manager; Mrs. “Mack”, the cashier and ticket taker; Bill Gustin, ticket taker; Johnny Hagerty, head usher; Matt Cleffi,

projectionist. During the 1940s, some of the ushers and employees of the Baker included: Tom Collins, Henry Troast, Art Treible, Paul Downs, Jack Bennett, Bob Schiffner, Jack Atno, Wilbur Gardner, Pete Cutchis, Frank Poulos, Chris Poulos, and Paul McGrath.

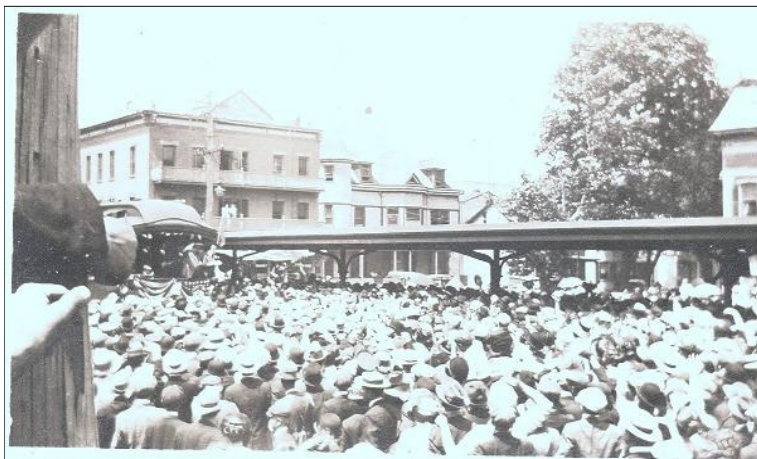
When World War II broke out, many of the ushers went into the Armed Forces and believe it or not, Warner Bros. actually sent “care” packages to their employees in service during the entire length of the war. When Warner Brothers finally took over the management of the Community Theater in



Morristown, Dover ushers were transported to Morristown to help establish the Community's usher program. *This 1948 photo of the Baker Theater featuring the movie “Every Girl Should Be Married” starring Cary*

## “Vice President” Calvin Coolidge Visits Dover In 1922

DOVER-The photo to the right has been in the possession of the DAHS for many years, but no one ever knew what event would draw such a large crowd to the train station. In April, Lorraine Ash, feature writer for the Daily Record contacted us and asked if we had any information on a visit to Dover by President Coolidge in the 1920s. We dug this photo out and submitted it as the possible event. Ms. Ash replied, “Excellent. The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation affirms that Mr. Coolidge, as vice president, was a frequent traveler to this part of the world and suggests that your photo may depict a campaign stop during the 1922 mid-term elections.” So there you have it, an old unmarked, undated photo, one of many, that has been discovered as a recorded historic event in Dover. Never throw away your old photographs of Dover. Donate them to the historical society.



### DOROTHY'S TEA PARTY

Dorothy's Tea Party is an event you won't want to miss. Dorothy Condict once lived in her parents house and many believe, still does. This event is being presented by Joan Bocchino and Brenda Woodhull. There will be two seating's on Sept. 27th, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm at \$10 per person. Come and enjoy the quaint atmosphere of the historic Dr. Arthur Condict house, good tea and snacks and most of all good friends and company. Call Joan 973-361-3279 or Brenda 973-361-2073 for more information.

Compliments of  
Bill & Susan Shauer  
Dover

### Windows Replaced

DOVER-Thanks, in part, to the generous support from members and supporters of the Dover Area Historical Society, window replacements were completed on the third floor of the museum house in early April. The much-needed repairs will pave the way for work to begin on the final floor of the house. In addition to historic displays and pictures, part of the third floor will house the **New Jersey Radio Museum (NJRM)** with displays of Dover's former WRAN and WDHA, among others.





# Beyond the “D” by Joan Bocchino

*Beyond the “D” is a column (with a personal spin) featuring interesting historic faces and places beyond Dover... but very close.*

How did a woman who doesn't fish become the first fish-hook casualty of 2003 at Dover General Hospital? Read on.

Spring/Summer in Morris County: tulips, cherry blossoms at Hurd Park followed by the joyful prom and wedding season, the flea market returns – and those wonderful **Walking Tours** that showcase the rich history of our great county are up and running again.

The best place to find the “**when and where**” of these tours is in the newspapers. The Ledger, the Neighbor News, and the Daily Record – especially the TGIF section – are all excellent sources. Then the three C's: Clip the article, Call to reserve a space, and put it on your Calendar. Oh the tours that got away

when I recycled a paper or forgot to call!

The “**who**” is what makes a walking tour so special – that being the tour guide. These guides are usually locals whose quirky personalities, passion for their subject, and special stories make for an entertaining and informative time.

As for the “**why**” take a walking tour in Morris County “When I want to understand what is happening today, or try to decide what will happen tomorrow, I look back.” – Oliver Wendall Holmes. Some bucolic parts of the county were industrial a century or two ago, like the woodsy tour that ended up at beautiful Hacklebarney State Park in Chester. This area was a thriving industrial town with thirteen water-powered industries, including a grist mill, a blacksmith, a forge, ice house and a mine that produced iron during the Revolutionary War. And the Boonton Ironworks tour – another fascinating glimpse into our industrial

history. Another Boonton tour takes you from the unique Boardwalk on Main St. up the hill into the neighborhoods and the distinct architecture of the homes and churches, one of which boasts genuine Tiffany stained glass windows (we all sighed as our tour guide told us he was married in that church).

**The Morris County Visitor's Center** on Court Street is the starting point for many Morristown walking tours. The Church tour is fabulous, led by a most enthusiastic, costumed tour guide. Being inside the churches and hearing their stories intertwined with George Washington and our country's beginnings...priceless. I also went on the cemetery tour – a cool, tree-shaded retreat on a hot summer day. Further out, Jockey Hollow, the Great Swamp and Pyramid Mountain offer walking

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## Beyond The “D” (CONT.)

Just last fall, my husband and I went on the free guided tour in Mine Hill, in an area now thickly forested that housed the famous Dickerson Mine and up to 22 other mines that operated between 1713 and 1966. The iron ore deposits were so abundant that it was used for our American forces from the Revolutionary War right through the Civil War.

Of course there have been many walking tours of our own Dover by George and Stan back “in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.” Their time is now devoted to our beloved museum...maybe, for old-time sake, just one? And who can forget the fall tour of Orchard St. Cemetery, with costumed

actors standing by “their” tombstones telling their story. That's when I first learned of Joseph Kekuku.

As for the fish-hook story...Alan and I were doing the walking tour of the Hibernia mine area in Rockaway Twp. Again, a whole little mining nation had existed in the now wooded hills. While crossing a stream on a small wooden bridge, I felt a sting in my finger. Thinking it was just a splinter, I looked down - and saw a three pronged fish hook protruding from my finger! Quick exit from that tour to Dover General, where I had my fifteen minutes of fame as the first fish-hook casualty of the season.



*This photo being in b&w of Hurd Park in the Springtime (from Dover's Web page) does not do justice to the beauty and splendor of this beautiful park. People travel from miles around to photograph the park every year at this time of the season.*

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### Annual Business Dinner & Awards

The Dover Area Historical Society would like to present it's first Business Dinner & Awards Ceremony in October. Anyone wishing to help or offer suggestions, please call the society at 973-361- 3525.



# Early History of The Dover Business College

*Editors Note: Tracing the history of the Dover Business College is difficult since it appears the organization may have been owned by several different entities. The first such establishment may have occurred in 1895 when George Milken replied to a statement in the local newspaper:*

Dover Daily Journal Sept. 25, 1895

Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "Business College Needed" noted. You ask who will start the enterprise. I hasten to reply, "I will." That such an institution will pay in the enterprising town is without doubt. No one enterprise in my opinion, does more to advertise a community, broadcast, or help in a financial way, its merchants, than a well conducted business college. I have had years of experience in this work and am fully satisfied, judging from the

observation I have made, that I will never have cause to regret the undertaking. I have determined to make Dover my home and henceforth will devote my energy and ability in giving to those who desire it, a first class business education. I simply ask the hearty co-operation of the merchants and the educators of Dover, and in return I will give the town an educational institution worthy the name "Dover Business College."

The course of studies will be as follows: Penmanship, bookkeeping, commerce, English, mathematics, spelling, shorthand and typewriting, also drawing and painting. I will employ first class teachers and modern appliances. The night school will be a special feature to enable those with neglected education to improve in all branches. The college will be open every weekday and on four evenings each week. Now that I have given facts

regarding my intentions, I desire to state that I will be prepared to enroll students at once and will be pleased to have all those wishing to take advantage of this enterprise to either see me personally or address the post office. The college will open the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October.

I sincerely hope that I will have many students ready to join. The terms will be \$10 monthly for any one or all departments. Diplomas will be awarded. Trusting that you as well as others will do all possible to help the good work along, I remain, yours respectfully, George Milkman.

The college was located in the Livingston Building on Blackwell Street and occupied the entire third floor. This ideal location was within a three minute walk from the D.L. & W and the Central RR train stations for a convenient commute.

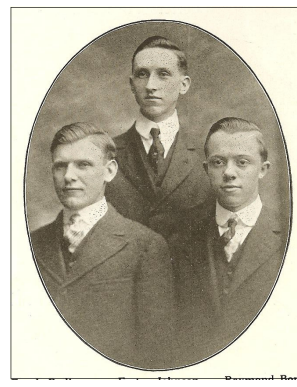
(cont. below)



*F.O. Hopkins, President of the "First" Dover Business College sitting at his desk at the Blackwell Street location, the Livingston Building.*



*Students in class learning how to type. Notice the old typewriters, long before computers. Students learned the "touch system" of typing.*



*Left to right: Frank Rodimer, Foster Johnson & Raymond Bonker, graduates of DBC employed by New Jersey.*

## DBS (cont.)

The stated aims and objects of the DBC was to take young men and women working at manual labor and prepare them for lucrative office positions, to afford parents in Dover and adjacent towns an opportunity to equip their young sons and daughters with a Practical, Self-supporting, Independent education in the shortest possible time and to teach the young that to be merely a bookkeeper or stenographer is only the beginning of a business career among other goals. The

original courses offered included Bookkeeping, Commercial Arithmetic, Rapid Calculations, Business Correspondence, Civil Service, Spelling, Office Practices, Banking and Business Forms. Other courses included Shorthand, Mimeographing, Typing, Manifoldng, Artistic and Blackboard Writing. The system of shorthand taught at the DBC was that of Benn Pitman. The teaching of using the typewriter was to use "the touch system" by which students learned to typewrite like playing a piano. The school day ran from 9 am to

noon and 1:15 to 3:45 pm Monday thru Friday and evening classes ran from 7:30 to 9:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Tuition ranged from \$10 per month to \$100 for a twelve month course. Night school was \$5 a month. President of the college was F.O Hopkins who graduated from Maryland College and Wood's Commercial College in

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**Sundays 1 pm - 4 pm**

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**6/22/08 7/6/08**

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Call 973-361-3525 to arrange  
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## **Dorothy's Tea Party**

**September 27, 2008**  
**Dover History Museum House**  
**55 W. Blackwell Street**

**First seating 1:00 pm. Second seating 3:00  
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